



MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Allen Christensen, Co-chair Health Reform Taskforce  
Representative Jim Dunnigan, Co-chair Health Reform Taskforce

FROM: Clay Watson, President Utah Association for Home Care  
Matt Hansen, Past President Utah Association for Home Care

RE: Health Reform Taskforce and Home Care Industry

DATE: June 5, 2019

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The Utah Association for Home Care (UAHC) would like to meet with members of the Health Reform Taskforce in an upcoming Taskforce meeting to discuss the 2018 appropriation that was funded for home health and the implementation of this appropriation. We are grateful for the attention and support the home health industry received during the 2018 session. Being able to report to your committee on this appropriation will allow home health to share ongoing struggles. Some of the issues we believe members of the legislature should be aware of include:

- Definitions for personal care providers in the home and cost savings associated with the services provided.
- Services provided by personal care agencies and skilled medical service agencies and the reimbursement rates attached to the various services.
- Department of Health/Department of Professional Licensing requirements for personal care providers and skilled medical service providers and the issues with these requirements.
- Discussion of collaborative initiatives between Accountable Care Organization's (ACO) and home-based service providers.
- Medicaid coding and state provider manual issues.
- Services provided by occupational and speech therapy in Medicaid home health.
- Fall Prevention Alliance Grant and ePOLST initiative.

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